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LETTER DATED 4 AUGUST 1993 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF INDIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement dated 2 August 1993 by the Official Spokesman of the Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India on recent developments on the Afghanistan-Tajikistan border.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) T. P. SREENIVASAN
Acting Permanent Representative

Annex

STATEMENT DATED 2 AUGUST 1993 BY THE OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN OF THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ON DEVELOPMENTS ON THE AFGHANISTAN-TAJIKISTAN BORDER

We are distressed to learn about the developments in the Afghanistan-Tajikistan border region resulting in heavy loss of human lives and large-scale destruction. We have friendly feelings for the peoples of both Afghanistan and Tajikistan, with whom we have enjoyed close relations traditionally.

We call upon all parties to exercise maximum restraint, to avoid further bloodshed and to resolve differences peacefully through negotiations. We reaffirm the principle of non-violability of international borders and express our deep concern over the growing challenge posed by trans-border activities directed against the integrity of neighbouring States in the region.